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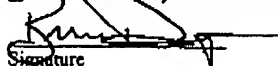
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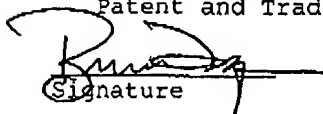
Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 9, 2005, applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-106, 138-152 and 165-176) without traverse in the above-identified application. Applicants also elect the species of FIG. 24. At least claims 1-5, 7-8, 17-22, 24, 58-59, 63, 65-67, 69, 75-76, 78, 80-82, 89, 94, 96-98, 100, 106-108, 110, 112-114, 121, 126,

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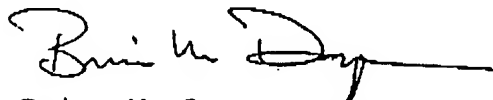
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128-130, 132, 138, 140, 142-144, 146, 152, 154, 156-158, 165-166, 168-170, 172, 176 and 178-179 are believed to be readable on this species.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due regarding this Response. However, if any additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696.

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